

BLAZE IN SUBWAY SEARS PASSENGERS

Short Circuit Electrifies Car and Seats—Four Persons in Rush-Hour Crowd Burned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Passengers on a northbound Dyckman express train in the subway were thrown into a panic during the rush hour yesterday afternoon, when a short circuit developed in the front car at the elevated Manhattan street station. Four men were burned, one of them seriously, by the flames which shot out of the control box on the rear platform, and many others escaped only by scrambling into the interior of the car. The injured are:

Albert F. Ritter, twenty, a clerk of 235 Lagontaine avenue, the Bronx, face, neck and head seriously burned.
Valerie Braquehaia, sixty-three, Parkers avenue, Fort Lee, N. J., face and arms burned.
Amozo Casazep, forty-three, 69 Grove street, left hand and face burned.
The Rev. Gust. Bright, forty-five, of Hillcrest avenue, Tuckahoe, N. Y., hand and arm burned.

Trampled in Panic.

Ritter was sent to Knickerbocker Hospital when Dr. Padula reached the scene in an ambulance, and his condition last night was reported as serious. The others were treated by the physician, and were able to go home within a few minutes.

The front car was crowded with passengers, many of whom had just got on at the Manhattan street station, where the subway is in the open air.

The four men who were injured were standing on the rear platform of the car when the short circuit developed. One of them screamed as the blue flames flashed from the control box and seared his face. At an instant the passengers of the first car were on their feet, scrambling toward the exits. Many fell down and several were bruised by the feet of the rushing crowd and from being pushed against the doors and sides of the car.

Although the guards and Conductor George Mier shouted that there was no danger, the panic spread to the second car, and the passengers there also began pushing toward the exits. The first car the steel of the car became electrified, and flame burst out in several places along the roof. The fire in the woodwork on the platform also began to smolder, and there was a large quantity of smoke. The fire in the first car and the second car rolled back into the second made the passengers more panic-stricken than ever, and it was only after much trouble that the guards succeeded in calming them.

Extinguish Flames.

Guards in the rear cars managed to confine the excitement to the first two cars. The injured persons were quickly carried out onto the platform of the Manhattan street station and taken down the escalator to a drug store at Broadway and Manhattan street, where they were given emergency treatment before the arrival of Dr. Padula.

The guards then ordered the passengers out of the first two cars and extinguished the fire with extinguishers from the regular equipment of the train. No alarm was sent to the fire department.

The short circuit tied up subway traffic for about twenty minutes.

Indignant at Store, She Sends Order for 2 Cents

BLACKWELL, Okla., Aug. 1.—The smallest money order ever made out by the agent for an express company was given to a woman to pay on an account owed to a mail order house.

The woman had received a letter from the mail order house notifying her that she owed the firm 2 cents. Indignant and unable to realize the spirit that would prompt any man to make a bill for 2 cents, the woman decided that the postage stamp would not suffice and that only a money order would do.

The fee for the order was 3 cents and the postage necessary to carry it cost 2 cents more, so that with the 3-cent postage stamp that carried the bill to the woman 7 cents was expended in collecting a 2-cent debt.

Weds "Love Wife" For Baby's Sake

Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters, Accused of Poisoning Two Children, Wife of Rogers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The unborn babe of Lorlyz Elton Rogers, New York attorney, and Ida Sniffen Walters, his love wife, will have a name. Late yesterday the attorney and the woman who poisoned his other two children because she felt Rogers love slipping from her, went across to the Jersey side of the Hudson and a justice of the peace made them legally man and wife.

Rogers' legal wife, Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, sister of a prominent Columbia University professor, procured a divorce from him on Thursday. As soon as the third child comes, Mrs. Rogers will go on trial for the murder of her other two babies. Her attorney attempted to bring her to trial last winter, but because of her impending motherhood, the courts refused to listen to it and she is now under \$7,500 bail.

MODERN SUBMARINE FLEET, CHINA'S PLAN

Noted Chinese Here to Study Newest Types—U. S. Will Get Order.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—China is soon to have a submarine fleet that will compare favorably with those of other large nations, it has just been learned here.

Headed by Admiral Wei Han, chief naval constructor of the Chinese navy, a party of twenty-one Chinese naval men and engineers left New York last night for New London, Conn., where the United States has under construction eight submarines of the latest type. They will make an exhaustive study of the new machines, under special permission of the Navy Department. Following the New London trip a tour of the Government naval yards will be taken, and tests and studies made. The United States is to profit by her courtesy, as it is understood the entire fleet will be built in this country.

U. S. Won't Pay for Mineral Waters

But Comptroller Downey Allows Tips to Chambermaids in Paris and London.

Uncle Sam cannot be made to pay for mineral water on ship board, even though this water is considered necessary to prevent sea sickness, under a ruling by Comptroller of the Treasury Downey.

The benevolent old gentleman will foot the bills, however, for baths in European hotels, for payments to chambermaids, tips to steamship stewards, and exceptional exchange rates caused by the war.

All of these questions were determined by the Comptroller in passing upon an expense account voucher by Wristley Brown, special investigator and assistant to the Attorney General.

The Comptroller held that the necessity for mineral water on shipboard when the ship water was wholesome was occasioned by the traveler's physical condition and was not allowable.

On this score he upheld the Auditor for the State and other departments, but he reversed the Auditor's refusal to allow amounts paid to chambermaids in London and other legitimate travel charges against the Government. Mr. Brown paid a London chambermaid \$2.00, and a Paris chambermaid 40 cents.

It has been held by the Comptroller's office that such gratuities are not allowable, but as it is the custom abroad, an exception was made for foreign travel.

DRUG STORE GLIDE CAPITAL'S LATEST

Dancers Are Now Invading Soft Drink Emporiums to Enjoy One-Step in the Evenings.

The drug store glide is here! During these torrid evenings, with the Fahrenheit thermometers veiling with Bethlehem stocks in the battle for ascendancy, the popularization of the modern dances goes upward and onward with the speed of a Teutonic advance in the eastern theater of war.

With the time of the evening ball and the dance, either past or future, young Washington has adopted the soda fountain cotillon, which is nothing more or less than a dance in the emporiums devoted to the disposition of confectioneries and sweet beverages. Mount Pleasant and Columbia Heights led off, but other sections have been enveloped in the fad and now practically every residential section has one of these retreats where youthful couples may glide off in a two-step, hesitation, fox trot or some other giration. The drink served, one-half is drunk, and then comes an informal intermission. During this hiatus another dance is engaged and when the glass is drained a parting whirl is enjoyed.

Floors Are Good.

All of these places have either highly polished wooden or tile floors, which make excellent gliding surfaces. The music comes from a victrola or, if adjoining a cafe or a hotel or exclusive apartment house, the music is furnished by the regular orchestra.

The formula is simply to order the drink and while the dispenser is drawing, shaking or shoveling, according to what the order might be, the couple glides off in a two-step, hesitation, fox trot or some other giration. The drink served, one-half is drunk, and then comes an informal intermission. During this hiatus another dance is engaged and when the glass is drained a parting whirl is enjoyed.

Resume the Glide.

The girl politely declines a second drink. But after a short walk the couple either returns to the original place or seeks out some similar establishment where the same courtesies are understood and extended.

Some particularly shy and demure maidens were rather loath to accept the invitations of the management offered through signs which simply read "Dancing." But now it has become rather conventional and there is little hesitancy in joining the others on the floors.

If you have not been enlisted in the army of the fountain cotillon, you will have missed the latest dancing innovation.

LIFE-SAVING WORK TO BE DEMONSTRATED

Wilbert E. Longfellow, of Red Cross Corps, Will Show Sys- tem at Canoe Club.

Wilbert E. Longfellow, field agent of the Red-Cross Life-Saving Corps, will this afternoon give a demonstration of life-saving from the boat of the Washington Canoe Club.

Last night he addressed the members of the club, discussing the organization of a volunteer corps of life-savers who will patrol the Potomac river on week-ends when the stream is thronged with boaters.

The actual organization of this corps, together with several others, will come August 16, after Mr. Longfellow returns from the Boy Scout camp at Chesapeake Beach, where he will give instructions in swimming. Already fifteen members of a patrol are promised from Dempsey's Boat House, fifteen from the Washington Canoe Club, and many from other organizations.

Everyone who travels on the water should be prepared for accidents, and the speaker told the canoeists, and to be

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The dispatch stated that Harden plunged into the water unexpectedly means that the victim of the accident will lose 75 per cent of his swimming efficiency.

Mr. Longfellow declared that China is the only nation which took the Titanic tragedy to heart. The Chinese government, he declared, since the loss of the big liner now furnishes each passenger on its steamers with a life-boat ticket.

Pearl Crushed by Car.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 1.—A pearl and five diamonds which were lost the other day by Mrs. E. H. Ferguson were found between street car tracks by Miss Elizabeth Gathright. The pearl was crushed by a car wheel. The diamonds were not injured.

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Harden, it is said, incurred official wrath over his recent editorial, in which he intimated Italy was justified for attacking her arch enemy, Austria.

Smitten by Bees.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Aug. 1.—The Third Regiment, Kentucky National Guard, met a decisive defeat in the battle of Bon Harbor, the attacking army being made up of the First and Second Regiments. During the battle several of the soldiers thought that they had been hit by shells and fell to the ground. Members of the hospital corps examined the wounds and discovered that the men had been stung by bumblebees.

Mother Sells Bedsteads To Keep Her Boys Home

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—A South Side woman who has raised a family of eight boys still has two younger ones at home. Recently the boys have been taking to staying away from home at night. She hit upon a plan to bring the boys home every night. She inserted an advertisement offering for sale two twin beds.

The beds were sold, and when the boys returned they had to sleep on the floor. "If you boys want to sleep at home now buy yourself a bed," the mother told them. "And when you want to leave you can take it. I cannot afford to have my money tied up in furniture that is standing idle."

BERMAN'S GREAT ANNUAL AUGUST Price-Smashing Luggage Sale

All Trunks, Bags and Cases Participate in This Annual Event

Each year we go through our immense stocks and assemble the season's selling luggage, cutting down the prices one-half and less in order to have an immediate disposal. The items given below are only a hint of what await you in this store—reductions cover every article—and this year they are bigger than ever.

BAGS	SUIT CASES	TRUNKS
Full stock Cowhide Bags, leather lined, 16 and 18 inch—\$9.00 values, now at.....	Fibre Grass Suit Cases with good lock and catches; \$1.00 values	\$25.00 Fibre Covered and Fibre Bound Trunks, open, full size, 45-inch; special during this sale
\$5.00	66c	\$14.95
18-inch Genuine Sole Leather Bags; hand sewn, on leather lined, leather lined, regularly sold at \$12.50, special at	None Delivered	Canvas Covered Dress Trunks, two straps, heavily brass trimmed, \$9.00 values
\$6.95		\$5.45
Genuine Leather Bags, extra protected corners; choice of sizes; \$6.00 values, now at.....	46 Sample Leather Suit Cases; some slightly scuffed; former prices \$5.00 to \$9.00; now selling at	\$12.00 Fibre Covered and Bound Steamer Trunks, special at.....
\$3.15	\$2.96 to \$5.50	\$4.95
\$5.00 Week-End Keratol Traveling Bags, waterproof leather corners; special at.....	87.00 Cowhide Leather Suit Cases; brass lock with straps and shirt fold all around, now....	\$15.00 Dress Trunks, strongly bound (two trays); fibre or canvas
\$1.96	\$4.75	\$9.45
Ladies' Hand Bags, 95c \$2 values, reduced to.....	\$10.00 Extra Deep Cases—special during this big event	\$6.00 Trunks, specially priced during this sale
	\$5.85	\$3.75

We Call Special Attention to Our Line of Wardrobe Trunks.

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1632 N. Capitol St.
930 La. Ave. N. W.

3113 14th St. N. W.
1440-42 P St. N. W.
1935 14th St. N. W.
726 7th St. N. W.
1778 U St. N. W.
3420 Ga. Ave. N. W.
3101 M St. N. W.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

At reasonable prices, are to be had at all our modern sanitary pure food markets; also, laundry and kitchen supplies. Here are a few of the many specials that will interest the thrifty housewives.

These Specials for Monday

RICE

Is a Healthful and Economical Food. A Pound of Rice Contains More Nutriments Than Almost Any Other Food, For the Amount of Money Expended.

FANCY HEAD, 3 1/2 lbs., 25c; lb. **8c** | JAPAN STYLE, 3 lbs., 20c; lb. **7c** | BROKEN HEAD, any quantity, lb. **5c**

SUGAR

Any Quantity This Sale, Pound **6c**

Potato Salad, lb. **10c**
Old Dutch Cake, lb. **15c**
Corn Puffs, 2 pkgs. **25c**
Puffed Wheat, package. **8c**

ARGO STARCH

Reg. 5c Package **4c**

SUPERFINE COFFEES

The pick of the crop—upland grown coffees from rich, healthy soil. Fresh, savory, and fragrant cup quality.

Golden Santos, lb. **19c** | Fancy Old Crop Santos, lb. **23c** | Dinner Blend, lb. **29c** | Fancy Bogota, lb. **33c**

SEA FOODS

THAT WHET THE APPETITE

Purchase a supply at these low prices, just the thing for cold lunches on a hot day.

Tuna Fish large can **14c**
Dry Shrimp No. 1 can **12c**
Red Alaska Salmon, 1 lb. tall can **14c**
Lobster, All Claw Meat, 1/2 lb. can **24c**
Columbia River Salmon 1/2 lb. can **13c**
Imported Sardines . . 1/4 size can **10c**
Kipperd Herring . . . can **8c**

SOUPS

Readymaid Brand, all Varieties, special in this sale, can **8c**

Potted Meat, 2 cans **9c**
Ginger Snaps, lb. **7c**
York Pretzels, pint cup **5c**
Tomatoes, Blue Bell, 3 large cans. **25c**

TANGLE FOOT FLY PAPER

3 DOUBLE SHEETS **5c**

DUTCH BEAUTY BAKING POWDER

Guaranteed to Give Uniform Results. Try it Large Can **15c** Small Can **10c**

Oleine Soap, 3 cakes **10c**
Globe Crystal Soap, 8 cakes **25c**
Kirkman's Soap, 2 cakes **9c**
Sal Soda, 6 lbs. **5c**

BUTTER

We sell only the best creamery, churned from rich, heavy cream.

Holland Belle lb. **32c**
Derrydale lb. **30c**
Dellfield lb. **28c**

Curtice Bros. Jams, bottle **14c**
Rubber Jar Rings, dozen **9c**
Texwax, for sealing preserves, pkg. . . . **7c**
Ammonia, large qt. bottle **9c**

MASON JARS

Full Half Gallon doz. **69c**
Full Quarts doz. **44c**
Full Pints doz. **37c**

STRICTLY FRESH Eggs

Nearby Country Gathered doz. **20c**

11c Picnic Shoulders 11c

Pure Open-Kettle LARD

The best quality **1b. 10c**

KERMIS HAMS

Why Don't You Bake One? A Kermis Ham looks inviting with its cover of brown bread crumbs, with cloves stuck in, and it tastes better than it looks. "Kermis" is also good boiled or fried, its sugary flavor wins your favor. **Lb. 17 1/2c**

COLUMBIA BONELESS PICNICS

No waste, real tasty **1b. 14c**

JUICY LEMONS . . . doz. **8c** | ONIONS, 1/4 peck **7c**; peck **25c**

SMOKED HAMS, fancy mild cured . . lb. **16c**

SLICED BACON . . lb. **25c** | Sliced "Kermis" Ham . lb. **28c**

JERSEY POTATOES The first car of the season just in. Selected mealy cookers. peck **15c**